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BRITISH TROOPS HURRY TO RELIEVE FORTRESS

Re-inforcements Now Seventeen Miles From Beleaguered Kut-el-amara, Base of British Operations In Mesopotamia--Heavy Turkish Forces Bar Progress But Post Is Well Prepared to Withstand Siege--Germany Justifies Submarine Attack on Italian Liner It Said

London, Jan. 11.—British soldiers going to the relief of beleaguered Kut-el-amara, Great Britain's Mesopotamia base, are now within seventeen miles of the town, according to the best available information today. But the Turks, outnumbering them two to one, block their path and surround the town.

No news of the fate of the garrison has reached here since dispatches told of the danger to the British as a result of Saturday's fighting in that region. Hence, it is regarded possible that a decisive battle may already have been fought.

Not since the memorable siege of Ladysmith, South Africa, during the Boer war, have the British been in such a perilous predicament, so far from home, as they find themselves in at Kut-el-amara. Therefore anxiety, if not genuine alarm, is felt for the expedition.

The latest advices indicate that the relief forces of Generals Aylmer and Campbell are in contact with the Turks in the bend of the Tigris river, east of Kut-el-amara. The weather, however, is impeding the British progress. Though no details of the situation have been received, it is believed the Turks who encircled the British right wing threw heavy forces between the Kut-el-amara garrison and the Tigris. If that is the case, the relief forces must fight their way eastward through this force.

Meantime, officials are hopeful. Kut-el-amara is undoubtedly provisioned to withstand a long siege, inasmuch as it served as the base for the recent unsuccessful Baghdad sally. Moreover, the British improved the town's Turkish defenses when they captured it, and it is believed to be impregnable against the light artillery that the Turks have drawn from Baghdad.

Berlin, by wireless to Saville, L. I., Jan. 11.—Justification for torpedoing the Italian liner Porto Said was given in Vienna dispatches today, which declared an Austrian submarine sank her after she had tried to escape and to ram the undersea boat.

The submarine first ordered the Porto Said to stop, but she attempted to escape," said the message. "Then she ran up a white flag and stopped."

"When the submarine approached, the steamer suddenly veered in order to ram her. The submarine fired and hit her after which she again stopped and began lowering her boats."

"Then the submarine stopped firing. Upon approaching, the submarine found that boats were pulling away without heeding those who were swimming. The submarine halted the boat containing the captain and threatened to shoot him if he did not return and save these people."

"The submarine found two persons aboard the steamer, one of whom was wounded. The latter was taken aboard the submarine and bandaged, and then transferred to the captain's boat. Only then was the Porto Said torpedoed. While the submarine was still aiding those aboard the ship, the submarine was shelled by enemy torpedo boats and yachts."

London dispatches December 15 reported that the Porto Said had been submerged, but carried no details. She was a 5,200 ton vessel.

Greek Likely to Protest. Athens, Jan. 11.—Allied troops stationed outside a Bulgarian church at Salonika today arrested several Teutonic sympathizers, suspected of espionage.

French Assaults Repulsed. Berlin, by wireless to Saville, L. I., Jan. 11.—Determined French attempts to recapture ground lost as the result of the new German offensive north-west of Massiges in the Champagne were repulsed, said the war office today. Three hundred and eighty prisoners were taken by the Germans.

British Vessel Sunk. London, Jan. 11.—The British steamer Clan McFarlane has been sunk by a submarine, according to official announcement today.

White Slave Price List Now In Federal Hands. Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 10.—A white slave price list was turned over by the police to the federal secret service here today. It was seized in a raid on the rooms of a woman suspected of being an agent for a white slave ring. The list gave the values of girls wanted in the restricted districts of Mexican

My, hot I'd hate to have a daughter at large," said Mrs. Clifford Moots, as she laid a city newspaper aside, life talk girls in their work.

WAR TIME SCENES AT SALONICA AND IN TURKISH ASIA



Water boxes on Turkish desert placed by Germans to aid Ottoman allies; British and Greek transports passing each other on Salonica road.

The far-sighted Germans have placed water boxes at intervals on the Turkish desert in Asia in order that their Ottoman allies may not suffer in making the great march on Egypt. Upper photo shows a great array of boxes at one of the water stations. Lower photo presents a curious contrast between the British and Greek transports. British Tommies look on with interest at the small two-wheeled carts used by the Greeks, which the former pass on the highway near Salonica.

GREAT BRITAIN SEEKS TO RESTRICT TRADE OF GERMAN EMPIRE

By Wilbur S. Forrest. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) London, Jan. 11.—England may insert in final peace terms with Germany a clause by which Germany will bind her own hands in the matter of commercial expansion.

With Great Britain's announced intention of striking at the roots of German trade, it was learned today that commercial experts have suggested that one of the most effective methods of doing this would be to insert a clause in the peace terms whereby Germany would agree to refrain from export business for a period of years.

Leading business men today approved the speech of President Roosevelt of the board of trade in which he announced the war-to-the-limit policy against German trade and finance. Advocates of cutting off Germany's export business declared that while the British navy as mistress of the seas could enforce such a plan, Germany might "buy her way out" through heavy indemnities.

Meanwhile, the board of trade is inquiring as to the possibility of a general boycott agreement between the entente allies, under which these powers would refuse to buy German products in the period after the war. Simultaneously Great Britain is preparing to bid on an enormous scale from neutral countries Great Britain is preparing to bid on an enormous scale from neutral countries.

Woman Loses Identity; Thinks Fortune Awaits Her

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—Certain that some great mystery involving perhaps a fortune surrounds her childhood, but unable to trace her parentage or any of her early history, Mrs. Grace Dormer, aged 26, today practically gave up hope of establishing her identity. She has asked the authorities in various parts of the country to assist her.

Mrs. Dormer's earliest recollections are of living at Faulkton, S. D., with her foster parents, Mrs. and Phylander Allen. She is certain she was born New Year's day, 1889, at Chicago, but a search of the birth records of Cook county failed to reveal the name of "Nediski," which she believes to be her parents' name.

Mrs. Dormer ran away from the Allen home when she was 14 years old. "At times, Mrs. Allen treated me unkindly," she said. "In some moods she told me that I came from a titled family. On one occasion Phylander Allen told me my father's name was 'Nediski,' that he died and left my mother a small fortune. I am anxious to know the story of my origin, but it seems to be a hopeless task."

Blondes weighing 120 pounds or over are quoted at \$1,000 to \$1,500, according to looks. Brunettes range from \$1,000 to \$250.

GRANTS PASS P. M. Washington, Jan. 11.—President Wilson today nominated W. P. Quinlan as postmaster at Grants Pass, Oregon.

POPE BENEDICT PREPARING TO MOVE FOR PEACE

By Henry Wood. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) Rome, Jan. 11.—Pope Benedict hopes to take the first practical step toward peace this week.

Cardinal Mercier, of Belgium, and Bishop Heylan, of Namur, are expected here and will be granted an audience with his holiness when they will tell him the terms upon which Belgium will agree to an early peace.

The pope has been convinced from the beginning of the great world war that restoration of Belgium is an imperative preliminary to any peace terms, and it is understood that he has been endeavoring to bring about a settlement of the Belgian problem.

Several members of the Belgium relief committee from London are already in Rome and it is understood that the vatican will solicit their views as to the solution of the Belgian problem. After learning the terms of Belgium, the pope plans to submit them to Germany, hoping to begin a series of compromises he believes necessary to peace.

Though Belgium has been crushed by invasion, the fact that she has the backing of the allies places her in a position at least to formulate the terms which the pope seeks.

Stocks Break Violently In Wall Street Today

(Copyright 1916 by the New York Evening Post.) New York, Jan. 11.—Another and exceedingly violent break in war stocks today sent down the prices of several of them from three to six points on heavy selling and again unsettled the whole market. There was some indication of a "round up" that is to say, a concerted attack whereby a level was created permitting the shorts to cover advantageously. There was not, however, any indication of forced selling by reason of depleted margins. A large outstanding speculative account has apparently accumulated.

There is no news in ascribing this severe readjustment to the "Gary interview" or the "Canadian car and foundry financing" for in all the forecasts of market conditions for 1916, not one failed to take it for granted that there would be a break in war stocks, and to warn the street of risks in that quarter.

Latest from the war zone shows that everybody is winning.

"PEACE WITH HONOR" BULL MOOSE SLOGAN

Three-Fourths of Committeemen Favor Returning to Old Party Fold If the "With Honor" Condition Can Be Complied With--They Are Willing to Accept Any Republican Presidential Candidate Providing His Name Is Theodore Roosevelt--Leader Sends Message on Preparedness

Chicago, Jan. 11.—"Peace with honor," is the only kind of peace the bull moosers will accept from the G. O. P. If the "with honor" can be obtained, three-fourths of the bull moose national committeemen favor amalgamation with the mother party.

This was the outstanding feature today as the bull moose national committee got down to the business of their gathering here. A national convention, simultaneous with the republican session, appears extremely likely; and if Colonel Roosevelt or a progressive republican is nominated by the G. O. P., the bull moose party will become a memory. The only bar to such a situation is the bull moose fear that the standpatters will control the republican convention, and squash a Roosevelt boom before it can be developed.

Committeemen Lyon and Hotchkiss declared that amalgamation presents the only possibility of defeating President Wilson; and they think that the majority of republicans feel the same way.

Some line as to the bull moose attack in the event they again get into the fight was given last night in a banquet for the committeemen when George W. Perkins criticized President Wilson's foreign policy and called it vacillating.

The committee must arrange representation in the convention based on the vote Roosevelt received in the last election, and it was expected this would consume several hours, though such a scheme would be merely perfunctory if the party decided on amalgamation.

A strong minority favored waiting until after the other parties had held their convention, but Committee-man Lyon of Texas and western committeemen plan to override this faction.

From Governor Johnson, of California, came the following message today:

"We have every reason to be jubilant that the men and the party have exerted a most wholesome influence on this nation's political life."

From Charles S. Bird, of Mass., the committee had this word: "The welfare and security of the country first; party advantages and personal feelings second. I am for a third ticket rather than a reactionary or second rate candidate. We ought to put the responsibility plainly up to the republicans."

Former Senator Beveridge's message was largely a plea for preparedness. "We must do justice to our own people at home, and insist that they have justice when they are abroad. We must insist upon a most thorough going preparedness to protect our rights against all possible attack by any aggressor. Such preparedness is the best guarantee of an honorable peace. We must ever remember that there cannot be such preparedness in things material unless there is also that preparedness of soul and spirit which alone renders a nation fit to perform its high and difficult duties in national and international life."

Reading between the lines, some committeemen said that the message squared with George W. Perkins' attack upon President Wilson last night, particularly the part referring to "justice when they are abroad." They held that in this, Roosevelt had indicated an intention of making, if necessary, a direct attack against the Wilson foreign policy and likewise that he had indicated a stand for a broader preparedness program than the present administration seeks.

William Childs, of New York, urged simultaneous conventions.

A. E. Griffith, of Washington state, was bitter against an amalgamation, saying: "Our people want the progressive party to live and to continue as a party."

Several others spoke against simultaneous conventions, and finally Perkins adjourned the conference until 3:30 o'clock. The time and place for the convention was to be decided then.

Message From Roosevelt. Chicago, Jan. 11.—Asking the bull moose national committee in session here today to drop all purely partisan considerations, Colonel Roosevelt today wired the members a plea for preparedness.

In it, he declared the country faces a great crisis and that the nation has fallen far short of its duties for the past 18 months. The message did not mention Roosevelt as a presidential candidate.

The message was read by the committeemen and scores of other bull moose leaders at a conference preliminary to the committee's executive session.

CONVENTION JUNE 7.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—The national progressive convention will be held in Chicago June 7, simultaneously with the republican convention, the national committeemen voted this afternoon.

"our national life," wired Roosevelt, "and strive wholeheartedly for a sound Americanism which shall insist that every man within our borders be an American and nothing else."

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ENLARGE STOCK YARDS

Portland, Or., Jan. 11.—The capacity of the Portland yards, now the largest on the coast, will be increased 25 per cent this year, it was announced today. It is planned to spend \$50,000 for improvements immediately.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Wednesday fair, continued cold; satisty winds.

